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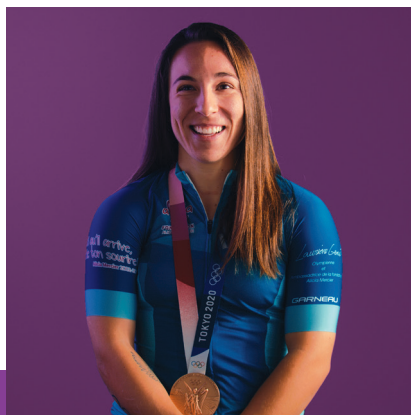
Dr. Michon's clinic

Funding for the clinical research team is an ongoing challenge and currently relies on donations from foundations and the generosity of a few donors. Without these non-governmental funds, Dr. Michon and his team would be unable to operate the pediatric oncology research center here at the CHU. Children and their families would have to seek treatment at another Quebec or Canadian center where research is active and functional.

The pediatric hematology-oncology research center at CHU de Québec is committed to continuing its mission to cure and prevent cancer in children and young people through advancements in science and compassionate care.

Meet our ambassador!

We are proud to introduce our ambassador: Lauriane Genest, bronze medalist in cycling at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. A native of Saint-Damien, just like Alicia and her family, Lauriane has joined us to help spread our mission, in memory of Alicia.



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keep smiling!"

Alicia Mercier 2002-2013



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At the age of 8, Alicia broke her humerus during a hockey tournament. In the emergency room at the hospital in Trois-Rivières, X-rays clearly showed an anomaly. It wasn't just an ordinary fracture! Alicia was transferred to the CHU. A biopsy revealed a metastasis. Twenty days later and after several examinations, Alicia was diagnosed with alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma in her right calf with stage IV metastases.

"Every day in Quebec, one child is diagnosed with cancer."

As soon as she was diagnosed in June 2011, Alicia was able to receive a new medication that was still under protocol (not approved and under study only) whose future advancements could help save other children. Thanks to the team of Dr. Bruno Michon, head of the hematology-oncology department at CHUL de Québec, Alicia was accepted for the study of this medication.

During the 57 weeks of her first series of treatments, Alicia responded very well to chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Then, for three months, she was able to resume her activities and live normally. Alicia passed away on June 24, 2013.

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What is the Foundation's mission?

The mission of Fondation Alicia Mercier is to support Dr. Michon's clinic in advancing research in pediatric oncology. We never imagine that one of our children could develop cancer. With this potentially deadly disease, the family is also faced with grief, stress, anger, and a strong feeling of helplessness. Knowing that Dr. Michon's clinic exists is crucial and comforting when our lives are turned upside down, giving children the best chances of survival.

"It was Alicia's wish that we could, in our own way, help Dr. Michon continue his research activities."

